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**London.** *New Statesman*, in a lead editorial on the West German project for support bases in Spain, discloses who "the main enemy" of European Left continues to be: "Just over 20 years ago, Hitler's Wehrmacht and Luftwaffe used the Spanish Civil War as a realistic training ground for their new techniques and arms. Now they are to return, equipped with infinitely more deadly weapons. Western public opinion will rightly regard this latest stage in the rearmament of West Germany as a deliberate gesture of defiance against the democratic principles on which the NATO alliance is supposedly based, and as an insult to the memory of those who died, both in Spain and later throughout the world, in re-establishing the rule of international law . . . If Britain allows Dr. Adenauer to get away with his conspiracy, the consequences will be serious and far-reaching. Adenauer probably regards this as a test-case, to probe the strength of the allied will to resist his pretensions."

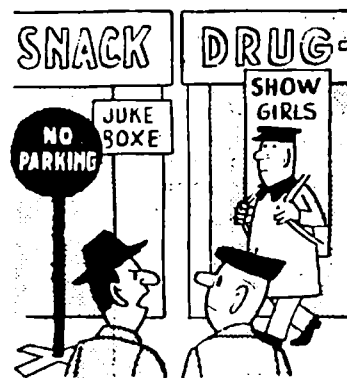
**Kabul, Afghanistan.** A mysterious underground has launched a "Go Home, Russians!" campaign. Throughout the country posters are put up during the night, calling on the people to throw out the Russians, by force if necessary, and explaining the threat from Russian influence and infiltration. The operation seems effective and popular, in spite of opposition by the government, which has offered big rewards for arrest of the leaders.

**Ajaccio, Corsica.** Dozens of planes landed here last week to disgorge nearly a thousand anti-Communists whom the French government has sent on forced "vacations" to this favorite middle-class holiday resort. Though long resident in France, they are mostly of East European birth, with especially large numbers of Ukrainians and Croats. A committee of French writers has declared that "these measures dishonor our country . . . all over the world." The French Freemasons have asked householders to close the blinds along Khrushchev's routes. The Socialists, Catholic hierarchy, and veterans' organization have called for a boycott of all ceremonies in Khrushchev's honor. Several anti-Communist and right-wing groups will attempt counter-demonstrations. Yves St-Laurent, prodigy chief of Dior, plans to make up for any discourtesy, however, by the specially designed gowns that he will present to Mme. Nina Petrovna Khrushchev at a reception in the Dior establishment.

**Madrid.** In last month's spate of arrests, there seems to be more solid basis than usual for the standard police charge of underground Communist connections. The police have rounded up 19 of the 21 Spaniards who attended a January conference in Prague, at which Portuguese Communists were also present. A number of Communist agents sent in from Cuba have also been picked up. There have been several bombings—including one in which a man carrying a bomb near the Falange Club

was himself blown up—and an explosive device was found planted in the Prado. The Communists' plans are believed to have envisaged a general strike in the spring as a key stage in the overthrow of both the Spanish and Portuguese regimes.

**Stockholm.** Not only the Swedish (Lutheran) Church itself but all the episcopal churches are fiercely divided over the decision of the Swedish Bishops to ordain three women to the ministry, among them the noted theologian, Dr. Margit Sahlin. This is the first application of a new statute, adopted in 1958 by the Kyrkomote (Church Assembly), that included ordination among the democratic rights of women. Although granting that there may be no insuperable theological obstacle, the Church of England has formally communicated its hostility to this departure from a tradition of nineteen centuries. The *Economist* (London), predicting that England will not follow the Swedish example, observes: "The priesthood and the stock exchange are now the only English professions still closed to women, who will probably have to put up with this unique handicap of being allowed to serve neither God nor Mammon."



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"And when we get through with Algeria, we've got to start the Frenchification of the Champs-Élysées."

**Mogadishu, Somalia.** Following the schedule laid down by the UN in 1947, this Italian Protectorate, source of half of the world's incense supply, will become a sovereign and independent nation in June. Its million and a quarter inhabitants assume that Italy and the U. S. will assure the \$6 million annual subsidy which the World Bank calculates to be the minimum on which it can exist. Last month an election in neighboring British Somaliland returned extremist candidates whose success makes certain that it will soon follow on the independence road. In Mogadishu, a Pan-Somali movement, believed to be financed in part from Cairo, calls for the union of all Somalis, not only of Somalia and British Somaliland, but of French Somaliland also (with the port of Djibouti), and of areas in both Ethiopia and Kenya. Clashes have occurred between Somali tribesmen and Ethiopian troops.

**Edinburgh.** Edinburgh University's Department of Public Health has just completed an experimental anti-smoking campaign. Posters, public meetings, leaflets and a letter to every household have clearly and forcefully set forth the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. At campaign's end a careful census determined the result on smoking habits: none at all.

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